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Dear Mr. McCone:

During the past several years our offices have been working together to develop United States positions on SACEUR and SACLANT Alert Measures.

In order that your agency may take or prepare to take implementing actions, if and when the SACEUR or SACLANT Alert Systems are engaged, I have requested the Joint Chiefs of Staff to notify your agency of the following SACEUR or SACLANT Alert Conditions:

1. When SACEUR or SACLANT declares a state of Military Vigilance, a state "Orange" or "Scarlet," or a Simple Alert.

2. When SACEUR or SACLANT requests the United States for authority to declare a Formal Alert (Simple, Reinforced or General).

3. When the United States agrees or disagrees with a SACEUR or SACLANT request stated in 2.

4. When SACEUR or SACLANT Alert Conditions are terminated.

In order to accomplish the above notifications, it is necessary for us to develop and coordinate procedures with the various Federal agencies involved, install additional direct telephone lines where required, and determine a basis for programming funds for this purpose. As an initial step, it would be appreciated if you could provide me with a 24-hour duty or watch location in your agency which will serve as a direct telephone contact with the Joint Chiefs of Staff to receive the subject notifications, when system is installed.

Sincerely yours,

Honorable John A. McCone
Director
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